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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 5, 2021  
To: Carla Short, Interim Executive Director, Public Works  
From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Office of the Clerk of the Board  
Subject: Resolution of Intention - Street Name Change - Sonora Lane to Vicha Ratanapakdee Way (File No. 210885)

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On October 19, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 489-21, sponsored by Supervisors Catherine Stefani, Eric Mar, Matt Haney, Ahsha Safai, Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, Rafael Mandelman, Aaron Peskin, Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, and Connie Chan, and approved by Mayor London N. Breed on October 29, 2021.

A copy of the Resolution is being forwarded to you pursuant to Resolution No. 489-21.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, at (415) 554-4441 or by email at: [Erica.Major@sfgov.org](mailto:Erica.Major@sfgov.org).

c: David Steinberg, Public Works  
Jeremy Spitz, Public Works  
Bryan Dahl, Public Works

1 [Resolution of Intention - Street Name Change - Sonora Lane to Vicha Ratanapakdee  
2 Way]

3 **Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to rename the**  
4 **stairwell at Sonora Lane between O’Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue, which**  
5 **runs parallel to Anza Vista and St. Joseph’s Avenues and is perpendicular to**  
6 **O’Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue to “Vicha Ratanapakdee Way.”**

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8 WHEREAS, Sonora Lane is the name of the public right of way between  
9 O’Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue, and runs parallel to Anza Vista and St.  
10 Joseph’s Avenues, and is perpendicular to O’Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue; and

11 WHEREAS, Sonora Lane is in the Anza Vista neighborhood and near the home  
12 of Mr. Vicha Ratanapakdee, an 84-year-old immigrant from Thailand, and where he  
13 lived with his family; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratanapakdee was well known in his community for his hour-  
15 long walks each morning, a ritual that kept him vibrant and healthy during the pandemic;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, On January 28, 2021, Mr. Ratanapakdee was violently shoved and  
18 tragically died shortly after the attack; and

19 WHEREAS, Stop AAPI Hate, a California-based coalition, has recorded nearly  
20 9,000 hate incidents involving Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders nationwide since  
21 the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratanapakdee is survived by loving family members in both  
23 California and Thailand; and

24 WHEREAS, Since his passing, Mr. Ratanapakdee’s daughter and her husband  
25 have both worked incredibly hard to ensure survivors of these attacks and their families

1 are supported through city services, law enforcement and the justice system; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratanapakdee's daughter has also since worked to amplify the  
3 voices of Asian Americans and the Thai and Southeast Asian communities through her  
4 participation in marches, rallies, and many #stopAAPIHate events; and

5 WHEREAS, Renaming Sonora Lane to "Vicha Ratanapakdee Way" would  
6 commemorate and memorialize Mr. Ratanapakdee's death as a symbol of a movement  
7 towards equality, anti-discrimination, and solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific  
8 Islander Community; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors intends to rename Sonora Lane, to  
10 Vicha Ratanapakdee Way to honor his legacy and to make it clear that the City of San  
11 Francisco stands with its Asian American Pacific Islander communities during this  
12 extraordinarily difficult time; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to  
14 initiate the City's street naming procedures, expeditiously process the required actions  
15 related to street renaming, coordinate with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' Office  
16 regarding posted and published notice for the street renaming, and report to the Board  
17 on its findings so that the Board may officially rename the street.



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Resolution

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Date Passed: October 19, 2021

Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to rename the stairwell at Sonora Lane between O'Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue, which runs parallel to Anza Vista and St. Joseph's Avenues and is perpendicular to O'Farrell Street and Terra Anza Avenue to "Vicha Ratanapakdee Way."

October 04, 2021 Land Use and Transportation Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

October 04, 2021 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

October 19, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 210885

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/19/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board  
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London N. Breed  
Mayor

10/29/21  
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Date Approved